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TAGS: SHUM, OVIP, BR (DERIAN, PATRICIA)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR CANCELLATION OF VISIT BY HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS COORDINATOR

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 2259 (B) STATE 064254 (C) CRIMMINS-
ZIMMERMANN TELECON OF 3/24

1. CONFIRMING MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ARA/ECA OF
MARCH 24, I MUST REGRETFULLY REQUEST CANCELLATION OF PLANS
FOR A STOPOVER IN BRAZIL BY THE COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN
AFFAIRS. AS I STATED INITIALLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF ARA/ECA,
I FELT MRS. DERIAN'S VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELED
IF WORD OF IT REACHED THE PRESS. REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES
(REF A) NOW LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE VISIT WOULD HAVE
BECOME PUBLIC.

2. THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ISSUE IN OUR RELATIONS, WITH
EXCEPTION OF SOME CRITICAL SPEECHES IN CONGRESS, HAS BECOME
RELATIVELY QUIET IN RECENT DAYS, AND WE CONSIDER THERE WOULD
BE SERIOUS DISADVANTAGE IN TAKING STEPS SERIOUSLY SUBJECT
TO MISINTERPRETATION THAT COULD ONCE AGAIN STIR IT UP. WE ARE
PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO LET THE COOLING OFF PROCESS HERE
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CONTINUE AS WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS FROM GOOD SOURCES
INDICATING THAT SOME KEY FIGURES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ARE
BEGINNING TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HAVING REACTED SO
EMOTIONALLY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT AND QUESTIONING
WHETHER THE DECISION TO RENOUNCE US SECURITY ASSISTANCE
MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVELY HASTY.

3. I REGRET HAVING TO GIVE UP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
MRS. DERIAN, AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
RESCHEDULE THE VISIT WHEN THE SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO SOME-
THING CLOSER TO NORMAL.
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